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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 2.


Identification of prior art discussed: US Patent No. 6146373 to Cragg, US Patent NO. 6248092 to Miraki, US Patent NO. 5817072 to Lampropoulos, US Patent NO. 5693031 to Ryan et al, US Patent NO. 5868817 to Moenning.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant proposed some claim amendment to the method claims (to add a three dimensional joint) which the examiner will consider once in writing.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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